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IDAHO PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM NOVEMBER 1

Idaho's 2005 potato production of 117 million cwt, is unchanged from the November 1 estimate and down 11 percent from last year's 132 million cwt. Planted acres of 325,000 and harvested acres of 323,000 are both down 30,000 acres from last year. Statewide yield of 362 cwt per acre is 12 cwt less than last year's record high.

Production in the 10 Southwestern Counties is estimated at 9.77 million cwt, down 20 percent from last year's 12.3 million cwt. Harvested acreage of 21,000 is down 4,000 acres from 2004, and the yield, at 465 cwt per acre, is down from last year's 490 cwt per acre.

Other Counties' production of 107 million is down 10 percent from last year's 120 million cwt. Acres for harvest decreased 26,000 acres from 2004 to 302,000 acres. Field-run yield of 355 cwt per acre is 10 cwt less than a year ago.

Fall Potatoes – Production Forecast December 1, 2005

States	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<u>1,000 Acres</u>		<u>Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 Cwt</u>	
WINTER 1/	18.5	19.8	260	247	4,818	4,892
SPRING 1/	72.2	64.4	314	281	22,663	18,099
SUMMER 1/	53.9	48.3	340	334	18,307	16,123
FALL						
California	7.6	7.2	480	450	3,648	3,240
Colorado	64.3	57.9	370	385	23,791	22,292
IDAHO, ALL	353.0	323.0	374	362	131,970	116,975
- 10 SW Counties	25.0	21.0	490	465	12,250	9,765
- Other Areas	328.0	302.0	365	355	119,720	107,210
Indiana 2/	3.2		350		1,120	
Maine	61.5	56.5	310	280	19,065	15,820
Massachusetts	2.5	2.4	320	260	800	624
Michigan	42.0	43.5	325	320	13,650	13,920
Minnesota	44.0	43.0	430	410	18,920	17,630
Montana	10.6	10.9	335	315	3,551	3,434
Nebraska	21.6	19.3	430	420	9,288	8,106
Nevada	6.7	5.5	430	425	2,881	2,338
New Mexico 3/	4.0	4.8	430	440	1,720	2,112
New York	19.2	20.1	270	260	5,184	5,226
North Dakota	101.0	82.0	265	250	26,765	20,500
Ohio	3.6	3.6	300	250	1,080	900
Oregon, ALL	37.0	37.1	534	594	19,775	22,023
- Malheur Co.	5.2	3.8	470	450	2,444	1,710
- Other Areas	31.8	33.3	545	610	17,331	20,313
Pennsylvania	11.0	11.0	240	250	2,640	2,750
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	290	210	145	105
Washington	159.0	154.0	590	620	93,810	95,480
Wisconsin	70.0	70.0	435	415	30,450	29,050
TOTAL FALL	1,022.3	952.3	401	402	410,253	382,525
UNITED STATES	1,166.9	1,084.8	391	389	456,041	421,639

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. 2/ Estimates discontinued in 2005. 3/ Summer potatoes combined with fall potatoes in 2005.

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 84.0 million cwt, 9.50 million cwt less than on hand December 1, 2004. Disappearance, at 33.0 million cwt is down from last year's 38.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 5.30 million cwt, down from last year's revised 5.70 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 78.7 million cwt, were 9.1 million cwt less than the amount stored on December 1, 2004

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 253 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2005, down 6 percent from last year and 5 percent below December 1, 2003, for comparable States. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Disappearance of 120 million cwt of potatoes is down 8 percent from last year and 10 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 14.0 million cwt so far this season, is down 9 percent from last year and 6 percent below the same date in 2003 for comparable States.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on December 1, 2004 and December 1, 2005 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP OF 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2004	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2005	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,648	3,000	82	3,240	1,600	49
Colorado	23,791	18,000	76	22,292	16,300	73
Idaho	131,970	93,500	71	116,975	84,000	72
Maine	19,065	15,000	79	15,820	12,900	82
Michigan	13,650	8,000	59	13,920	8,300	60
Minnesota	18,920	13,000	69	17,630	13,500	77
Montana	3,551	3,500	99	3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288	6,300	68	8,106	5,700	70
New York	5,184	2,300	44	5,226	3,100	59
N. Dakota	26,765	19,600	73	20,500	14,000	68
Ohio 2/	1,080	200	19			
Oregon	19,775	17,000	86	22,023	19,000	86
Pennsylvania 2/	2,640	1,600	61			
Washington	93,810	50,000	53	95,480	52,000	54
Wisconsin	30,450	20,100	66	29,050	19,700	68
15 STATES TOTAL	403,587	271,100	67	373,696	253,400	68

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

Dry Bean Production Up 14 Percent

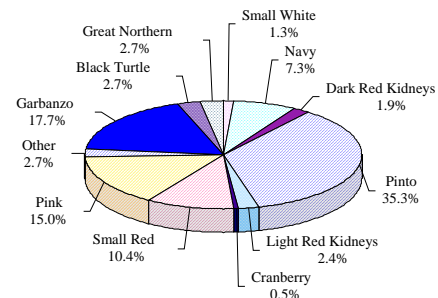
Idaho's 2005 dry edible bean production is expected to total 1.86 million cwt, up 14 percent from last year's production of 1.64 million cwt. Planted acreage of 100,000 and harvested acreage of 98,000 increased from last year's 80,000 acres planted and 78,000 acres harvested. Average yield is expected to be 1,900 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the previous year.

Pinto production increased from last year, and continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 35.3 percent of Idaho's production. Pink production accounted for 15.0 percent of all production. Small red production accounted for 10.4 percent of production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production again had the largest increase from the 2005 crop, accounting for 17.7 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production was the large type. Navy production accounted for 7.3 percent. Great northern and black production each accounted for 2.7 percent of Idaho's production. Small white's, light red kidneys, dark red kidneys, cranberries, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the 12 classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2005, great northers, small whites, cranberries, and blacks posted production losses. All other classes posted production gains.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 27.2 million cwt for 2005, up 4 percent from the October forecast and 53 percent above last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.57 million acres, 3 percent above the last forecast and up 29 percent from 2004. The

average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,731 pounds per acre, an increase of 16 pounds from the October forecast and 272 pounds above a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 16 of the 17 producing States. Most notable production increases from last year are Minnesota up 111 percent, Colorado 91 percent higher, and North Dakota increasing 82 percent. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, navy, great northern, pinto, light red kidney, dark red kidney, pink, small red, blackeye, and small and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for small white, cranberry, and black beans.

IDAHO DRY BEAN PRODUCTION PERCENT OF 2005 PRODUCTION



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Percentages may not add due to rounding

Mid-November Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of November showed increases for alfalfa hay, dry beans, potatoes, all barley, malt barley, steers and heifers, and calves. Prices decreased for feed barley, all wheat, beef cattle, cows, and milk.

For the U.S., the All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November is 113, based on 1990-92=100, 2 points above October. Producers received higher commodity prices for eggs, oranges, potatoes, cucumbers, and cattle. Lower prices were received for lettuce, dairy, hogs, broilers, and tomatoes.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, November 2004 - November 2005

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		November 2004	October 2005	November 2005 ^{1/}	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	115.00	114.00	118.00	95.20	106.00	97.50	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.84	2.71	2.89	2.45	2.41	2.49	35
Feed	Bu.	1.92	1.97	1.95	1.78	1.81	1.88	--
Malting	Bu.	3.00	2.94	3.05	2.83	2.72	2.86	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	22.30	20.80	21.60	25.90	18.80	18.90	35
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.15	4.95	5.00	5.02	5.54	6.09	38
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	3.60	7.00	--	5.08	9.18	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.40	4.40	--	4.98	4.61	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.54	3.19	3.17	3.46	3.43	3.36	32
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	74.50	80.90	79.20	85.40	91.10	91.60	50
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	45.70	46.80	45.60	48.70	46.60	45.80	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	88.70	94.10	95.70	90.20	96.60	97.40	--
Calves	Cwt.	116.00	127.00	131.00	123.00	134.00	132.00	53
Lambs	Cwt.	92.00	103.00	--	99.90	108.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	15.50	14.40	13.80	16.20	15.50	15.10	7/ 39
Fluid Grade ^{8/}	Cwt.	15.50	14.40	--	16.20	15.50	15.10	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	16.80	14.30	--	15.90	14.90	14.20	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 8/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-1992 =100	October 2004	November 2004	October 2005		November 2005 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	114	115	110	111	113
Prices Paid	136	135	143	144	143
Ratio ^{1/}	84	85	77	77	79

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

U.S. Dairy Products October 2005 Highlights

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 755 million pounds, 0.9 percent above October 2004 and 1.7 percent above September 2005.

American Type Cheese production totaled 310 million pounds, 0.3 percent above October 2004 and 2.8 percent above September 2005.

Butter production was 108 million pounds 3.0 percent above October 2004 and 7.4 percent above September 2005.

Frozen Desserts: (comparisons with October 2004)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) -- 69.1 million gallons up 1.3 percent.

Lowfat (total) -- 29.5 million gallons, down 5.6 percent.

Nonfat (hard) -- 1.40 million gallons, down 14.3 percent.

Sherbet (hard) -- 3.90 million gallons, up 7.3 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) -- 4.65 million gallons, down 11.8 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food -- (compared with October 2004)---73.7 million pounds, down 22.2 percent.